



Minutes

Name of meeting	ADULT SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND HOUSING SCRUTINY PANEL
Date and time	THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 6.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Geoff Lumley, Ian Stephens, Margaret Webster (Chair)
Officers Present	Marian Jones, Amanda Thomas
Apologies	Cllr John Hobart

7. **Minutes**

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [21 September 2009](#) be confirmed.

8. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations received.

9. **Public Question Time**

No questions were received.

10. **Care Quality Commission Healthcare Report on Isle of Wight NHS PCT**

The Chief Nurse and Director of Infection, Prevention and Control provided an presentation on the Care Quality Commission's performance rating for 2008/09, highlighting the Trust's success with the quality of commissioning, which had been rated as 'excellent' overall.

It was noted that the Trust's financial performance had been judged as 'fair', which was lower than the previous year's rating of 'good', although the panel was advised that this was largely due to changes within the auditing process. Members were reassured that the Trust's financial arrangements were operating effectively and robust systems were in place. However, work to establish long-term progression was being undertaken in order to improve performance in the future.

The panel raised concerns about the under achievement of performance indicators for the cancer mortality rate, Chlamydia screening, children and adolescent mental health, and immunisation. In addition, questions were asked about the quality of cardiac care in the light of the proposed arrangements for Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PPCI), as well as the main cause for cancelled operations.

Members were advised that issues of quality control and decontamination had already been addressed and that reasons for cancelled operations included staff sickness, virus outbreak and hospital bed availability, although all cancelled operations were re-booked within 28 days. The panel was also informed that the bowel screening service had undergone an external accreditation process, which would be regularly reviewed and this would help to address the cancer mortality rate. The issues around cardiac care and treatment had been addressed by training the Island's ambulance teams to administer the drug thrombolysis.

The panel heard that 3 new staff had been recruited to the mental health service for young people and a review of current needs was being undertaken.

Clarification of some technical terminology was sought and it was suggested that plain English be used during the PPCI public consultation. Members also queried why no data had been available for some indicators and were advised that some indicators did not apply to the Island due to the numbers required for data validation.

The panel noted that there had been no cases of MRSA to date this year and that a significant reduction in C-Difficile cases had been achieved.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Care Quality Commission's performance rating report be noted.

11. Walk-In Treatment Centre at St Mary's Hospital

The panel received an update from the Chief Operating Officer on the new 24-hour GP led, walk-in centre at St Mary's Hospital, which had been open since October 2009, although the 'out of hours' service had been available since April 2009. The service had been established in response to the Government's requirement for every PCT to have a GP led practice available. Patients could either be seen on a casual basis, or register with the practice.

Members asked what was being done to advertise the service and were advised that a campaign would begin within the next 3 weeks. Concern was raised about the location of the service for those without transport. Members were advised that the location was considered to be central for the Island and had been co-located with the A & E and GP out of hours service, which should improve access to all services.

On-going funding for the service was questioned and Members were advised that grant funding had been received for set up, but running costs would be met by 'growth allocation' funding. The service was provided by Beacon Healthcare, which was a joint venture between the provider arm of the PCT and Lighthouse Medical Ltd, a company formed by the Island's GPs, Practice Nurses and Practice Managers.

RESOLVED:

THAT the update report be noted.

12. Voices into Action

The panel noted the Care Quality Commission's (CQC) recent guidance, "Voices into Action", which encouraged local groups including overview and scrutiny committees to provide feedback on health and adult social care services provided. Further guidance on this process was expected in early 2010.

The panel noted that the Local Area Manager, Adrian Hughes, met regularly with the Director for Community Services.

It was proposed that other stakeholders be included when information was being collated.

RESOLVED:

- (i) THAT the guidance be noted.
- (ii) THAT stakeholders be invited to participate in future discussions about the Voices into Action process and response.
- (iii) THAT the Local Area Manager be invited to a future meeting of the Scrutiny Panel to talk about the work of the CQC and how the panel and CQC could assist each other.

13. Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PPCI) Consultation

The Chairman provided an oral update on PPCI, advising that at a recent meeting of the Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth and Isle of Wight Health Scrutiny Joint Committee meeting Mr Charles Waddicor had provided a presentation. A number of questions had earlier been submitted by the Isle of Wight Council to the Isle of Wight PCT and the PCTs response would be circulated to the panel on receipt. Further information would be provided at the next meeting on 7 January 2010

PPCI would also be discussed at the Joint Committee meeting on 1 December 2009 and Members of the panel were invited to attend. In addition, visits to the cardiac centres at St Mary's and Portsmouth Hospitals would be arranged in order to provide background information.

The panel was advised that the process was currently in the 'engagement' phase, when feedback from scrutiny committees and other stakeholders was collated. The formal consultation period would begin in December through to February 2010. The PCT had been asked to include town and parish councils in its consultation and the panel emphasised the need for full public consultation. The panel offered its assistance in the consultation process.

RESOLVED:

THAT the update report be noted.

14. **Joint Scrutiny Review of Alcohol Related Hospital Admissions**

The panel was advised of the Health Inequality Scrutiny Programme, which would be launched by the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS). This would be a two-year programme aimed at promoting community wellbeing and addressing health inequalities within local communities. The CfPS had invited bids to be one of four pilots who would undertake a scrutiny review and develop a resource kit for use by authorities throughout the country.

Members were informed that a previously proposed joint review into alcohol related hospital admissions across Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight would not now take place. Portsmouth Council still intended to undertake a review on this topic and would be happy to include the Island if appropriate.

RESOLVED:

THAT progress of the Portsmouth City Council Review be monitored.

15. **Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth and Isle of Wight Health Scrutiny Joint Committee**

The panel was advised that the Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth and Isle of Wight Health Scrutiny Joint Committee met on a quarterly basis and historically two elected Members had represented the Council, one being the Chairman of the appropriate Council committee. It was noted that the Overview and Scrutiny Officer would also attend meetings as an observer.

Members were invited to consider nomination of a second representative to the joint committee, who would attend meetings when the Scrutiny Panel Chairman was unavailable.

Cllr Ian Stephens was nominated and seconded.

RESOLVED:

THAT Cllr Stephens be the second representative on the Joint Committee, and attend meetings when the Chairman was not available.

16. **Members' Question Time**

No questions received.

CHAIRMAN